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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 C.F.R. §1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 4, 2002, please consider the following election and remarks.

Election:

Applicants received a Communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated March 4, 2002, which contained a requirement for restriction in connection with the application captioned above. More specifically, the Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I:

Claims 1-5 (in part) and 6, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is a small molecule, classified in Class 514, subclass 1;

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Group II:

Claims 1-5 (in part), 7 (in part) and 8, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is an RNA antisense oligonucleotide, classified in Class 514, subclass 44;

Group III:

Claims 1-5 (in part), 7 (in part) and 9, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is an **DNA antisense oligonucleotide**, classified in Class 514, subclass 44;

Group IV:

Claims 1-5 (in part) and 10, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is a TCCR variant lacking biological activity, classified in Class 424, subclass 184.1;

Group V:

Claims 1-5 (in part) and 11-13, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is an antibody or antibody fragment, classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1;

Group VI:

Claims 1-5 (in part) and 14, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is a TCCR ligand, classified in Class 424, subclass unknown, possibly 85.1;

Group VII:

Claims 15-20 (in part) and 21, drawn to a method of inhibiting differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th2-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR agonist that is a small molecule, classified in Class 514, subclass 1;

Group VIII:

Claims 15-20 (in part), 22 and 26, drawn to a method of inhibiting differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th2-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR agonist that is a TCCR polypeptide or variant thereof (including TCCR ECD) having biological activity, classified in Class 424, subclass 184.1;

Group IX:

Claims 15-20 (in part) and 23-25, drawn to a method of inhibiting differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th2-mediated

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disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR agonist that is an antibody or antibody fragment, classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1;

Group X: Claim 27, drawn to a method for determining the presence of a TCCR polypeptide in a cell using an anti-TCCR antibody, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.1;

Group XI: Claim 28, drawn to a method for diagnosing by detecting the level of a gene encoding a TCCR polypeptide, classified in Class 435, subclass 6; and,

Group XII: Claims 29-34, drawn to a method for identifying a compound capable of inhibiting expression or the biological activity of a TCCR polypeptide, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.8.

The Communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated March 4, 2002, further required the election of a single disclosed species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group V, Claims 1-5 (in part) and 11-13, drawn to a method of enhancing differentiation of T cells into a Th2 subtype or treating a Th1-mediated disease by administering/contacting with a TCCR antagonist that is an antibody or antibody fragment. In addition, in the event that no generic claim is eventually held to be allowable, Applicants further elect to prosecute the species related to inflammatory bowel disease.

REMARKS

Applicants reserve their rights to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims, as well as any other matter disclosed in the present application which is not encompassed by the elected claims.



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